## PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (December 5, 2008)

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Ralph F. Reeder, M.D., a 53 year-old neurosurgeon who practices in Sioux City, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges dismissed by the Board. On February 11, 2008, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Reeder charging him with professional incompetency and engaging in practice harmful or detrimental to the public. On September 30, 2008, the state filed a Motion to Dismiss the disciplinary charges against Dr. Reeder. On November 13, 2008, the Board voted to dismiss the charges against Dr. Reeder. Following review of additional expert opinions submitted by Dr. Reeder concerning his care of the three patients in this matter, the Board concluded that the cases should be dismissed, with prejudice, because the state is unable to prove that Dr. Reeder's care in those cases fell below the standard of care.